

New Opportunities Available at SWOSU-Sayre

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre is bringing back a major, expanding its distance education options and taking classes on the road.

SWOSU-Sayre is resuming an Associate in Applied Science degree with a major in Criminal Justice. And corrections officers may have already completed half of the degree's requirements before even stepping on campus, according to SWOSU-Sayre Registrar Kim Seymour.

"Students who provide proof of Corrections Corporations of America training completion may be awarded 32 credit hours toward the new degree," Seymour said. "The degree only requires 65 hours, so corrections employees with CCA training have completed half the degree before taking a single college class."

Employees with the degree are eligible for promotions and pay raises at corrections facilities, such as the Northfork Correctional Facility in Sayre.

Also, a relatively new class is coming back. SWOSU-Sayre began offering a new telecourse, World Cultural Geography, last spring and summer, and it is available for students this fall.

Telecourses are arranged and do not meet on campus. Students complete all assignments at home and only come to campus to take tests. These courses help meet the needs of busy students who juggle school, work and family obligations.

To make classes more accessible to students through the Internet, SWOSU-Sayre faculty will also research on-line course development and delivery this year. More information regarding specific courses should be available soon.

The Sayre campus is also making college more convenient by taking classes to Elk City. Three night classes will be taught at Elk City High School in the upcoming semester—World History, Computer/Information Access and General Psychology. These classes are in addition to the regular lineup of night classes offered at the Sayre campus.

For information about the Criminal Justice degree, distance education classes or night classes for the fall semester, contact the SWOSU-Sayre Registrar's Office at 580.928.5533.

SWOSU classes begin August 20.